

The Food Pantry needs our help! Twice a month the Food Pantry is open to provide food for those who need some extra assistance. Due to limited support for the weeks the Food Bank is open, Holy Cross will now help out during the months of February, June, and September. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, sign up sheets will be available on the info table in the Narthex during those months or you can contact Paul VanHoudt.

The Townsend Rotary Club will be matching funds of any monetary donations to the Food Pantry made between Mother's Day (May 11th) and Father's Day (June 15th).

Please mail monetary donations directly to the Food Pantry. The address is:

Broadwater Food Pantry  
PO Box 1164  
Townsend, MT 59644



WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS

# Women's Tea Party



**June 7**  
**12:00pm**


**Holy Cross Parish**  
101 S Walnut St,  
Townsend, MT 59644

Please join us for an afternoon of tea-licious delicacies.  
Bring your special teacups or a teapot with a story to tell & dress up, if you wish!

RSVP:  
Marge (406) 293-0514

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY  
FOR THE POPE, CHURCH,  
PRIEST, FAMILIES,  
CHILDREN & FOR  
THE WHOLE WORLD

"If you heed My requests,  
Russia will be converted  
and you will have peace;  
if not, it will spread its errors  
throughout the world,  
promoting wars and  
persecutions of the Church.  
The good will be martyred, the  
Holy Father will have much to suffer,  
various nations will be annihilated.  
In the end,  
My Immaculate Heart  
will triumph."  
Our Lady of Fatima



SUNDAYS @ 4:00

MAY - 4 GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

MAY - 11 JOYFUL MYSTERIES

MAY - 18 LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

MAY - 25 SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

JUNE - 1 JOYFUL MYSTERIES

No Parish Potluck in May  
No Mass or Adoration Monday, May 26th  
or Tuesday, May 27th



PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY  
MON. JUNE 16, 4- 8 PM  
DINNER PROVIDED  
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK  
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME



# SUMMER FUN!

## YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

In lieu of traditional VBS, Holy Cross Parish will be hosting some fun, interactive, days this summer while focusing on learning about specific events from the Bible and Jesus's life. Open to all ages Preschool through high school. Events will run 11am -3pm on the following dates:

**June 17th, July 8th, and August 6th**

More specifics on each event and registration options coming soon!

# SAVE THE DATE



# Holy Cross Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Weekday Mass Schedule:  
Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a  
Adoration: Monday 9:30a  
Weekend Schedule:  
Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment  
Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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Happy Easter



We have a new Pope!

On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Robert Prevost, was elected the 267<sup>th</sup> pope of Catholic Church taking the name Pope Leo XIV. Since this is a major moment for the church and for the American Catholic Church, I thought that I would take some time to inform you about his life. Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, Illinois making him, in one sense, an American Pope. From a young age he desired to be a priest and would “play Mass” with his siblings. He attended a local Augustinian high school which was a pre-seminary program preparing men for later admission into a major seminary. Since a college degree was required for major seminary, he attended Villanova University and earned a degree in Mathematics.

Following his degree, he entered the Augustinian Order. The Augustinian Order was founded in 1244 when a group of Italian hermits grouped together and petitioned Pope Innocent IV to allowed them to live a common life. They adopted the rule of St. Augustine, from the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and lived a common life of prayer and pastoral work. This group developed into a group focused on the promotion of the Gospel, pastoral ministry, and contemplative prayer. The crest of Pope Leo XIV bears the images associated with the Augustinian Order. The book represents the Book of the Gospel through which the Order derives its emphasis for preaching. The pierced heart harkens to the words of St. Augustine: “my heart is restless until it rests in you.” Thus, Pope Leo incorporated these symbols, the symbols of his order, into his papal crest.

Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, then Fr. Prevost, was sent to the mission in Peru. He spent the next three years in the Peruvian mission staffed by the Augustinian Order before he was sent back to Chicago to help with promotion of vocations. After two years back in the states, he was sent back to Peru and would spend the next 35 years ministering to the people in Peru. He was known for his political activism against the president of Peru who was known for corruption and lack of care for his people. A stanch supporter of human rights, he would often travel on horseback to isolated communities or preach about the violence and oppression of the peoples.

His leadership qualities did not go unnoticed. In 2001 he was named the Prior General of the Augustinian Order, the highest ranking official of the order. After serving 2 6-year terms as Prior General, Pope Francis named him the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru. His promotions didn’t stop there. In 2014 he was name Apostolic Nuncio, the pope’s delegate to Peru, bishop in 2015, and a member of the Congregation for Bishops in Rome in 2020. Pope Francis made him a cardinal in 2023. The Church named him pope in 2025.

Pope Leo took his name from one of the great popes of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Leo XIII. Pope Leo XIII was known for his visionary sense of the world, his grasp of the modern issues and their implications, and a strong sense of social justice. These qualities mark the desires of Pope Leo XIV as he sees issues of technology, human rights violations, the degradation of human dignity, and the loss of a spiritual sense of the world as some of the serious issues of our times. His strong desire for unity and ability to bring disparate groups together are some of the qualities that the Cardinals desired in the next pope.

Please continue to pray for his as he takes the mantle of St. Peter and leads the church. Many people will try to predict or criticize him for his past or current actions. We, as the people of the Church, should listen attentively to his words as our spiritual father leads and guides us.

Fr. Cody Williams

Holy Cross Parish  
Finances

Week ended May 11th

Total for the week	\$2296.24
Budget	\$2900.00
Variance	<b>-\$603.76</b>

Year to Date

Total	\$113158.38
Budget	\$124700.00
Variance	<b>-\$11541.62</b>

Thank you for your  
generosity

Scripture Readings



Sixth Sunday of Easter

05-25-2025

Reading 1:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm:	67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Reading 2:	Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel:	John 14:23-29



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass	Schedule
Monday May 19	Mass 9:00a Seminarians Adoration 9:30a Faith Night 6:00p
Tuesday May 20	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday May 21	
Thursday May 22	
Friday May 23	
Saturday May 24	
Sunday May 25	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p (Parish Family)

Pray for our Seminarians

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Prayer Chain

Unless otherwise requested , after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton, Bob Masolo, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law, Shelly Whitman, Tom Aced, Richard Majszak, Marilyn Gagen

Ministry Schedule

Sunday May 25, 2025 4:30pm

Greet:	Pat and Debbie Miller
Lector:	Fran Wright
Gifts:	John Bleile and Karen Susag
EM:	Tom and Julie Lethert
Money Counters:	Tacy Swanson and Bernadette Swenson